| | | | | - 1 | |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|----------|---------------|---|
| Please type a | plus sigi | ı (+) inside | this box | \rightarrow | 1 |

Sheet

PTO/SB/08A (10-96) Patent ar

| | eved for use through | 10/31/99. OMB 0651-00 |
|--------|------------------------|------------------------|
| d Tra | k Office: U.S. DEPA | RTMENT OF COMMERC |
| inform | n unless it contains a | valid OMB control numb |

| Substitute for form 1449A/PTO |) |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| INFORMATION | DISCLOSURE |

STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

| 1 | of | |
|---|----|--|

| Complete if Known | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----|--|--|
| Application Number | | _ | | |
| Filing Date | | H | | |
| First Named Inventor | Donald W. Crowe, Jr. | - | | |
| Group Art Unit | | ທີ | | |
| Examiner Name | | ລູ | | |
| Attorney Docket Number | 01-4951 | 46 | | |
| | | | | |

| | | | | U.S. PATENT DOCU | IMENTS | 7 |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--|---|--|--|
| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | U.S. Patent | Document Kind Code ² (if known) | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
| m | | 5,890,239 |) | Hite | 04-06-1999 | |
| \ | | 3,921,229 | | Yavitch | 11-25-1975 | |
| | | 3,409,918 | 3 | Gaddy | 11-12-1968 | |
| | | 919,935 | | Oidtmann | 04-27-1909 | |
| | | 3,579,670 | | Frank | 05-25-1971 | |
| | | 879,17 6 | 5 | Jackson | 02-18-1908 | |
| | | 812,543 | 3 | Buchanan, Jr. | 02-13-1096 | |
| | | 1,005,751 | L | Schweitzer | 10-10-1911 | |
| V | | 1,061,63 | 2. | Podolsky | 05-13-1913 | |
| WF | | 4,207,630 |) | Bressler | 06-17-1980 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | . , | | |
| | | | _ | | | |
| | | | | | | |

| | | | | FORE | GN PATENT DOCUMEN | rs | | |
|-----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|----|
| Examiner | Cite | Foreign Patent Document | | | Name of Patentee or | Date of Publication of | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant | |
| Initials' | No.1 | Office ³ | Number ⁴ | Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | Applicant of Cited Document | Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T6 |
| | | | | | | | | ↓_ |
| | | | | | | | | - |
| | | | | | | | | ╁ |
| | | | | | | 1 | | + |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | - |
| - | | - | | | | | | +- |

| Examiner Signature Ruh | 2.4 | Date Considered | 4/21/0 | 3 |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------|--------|---|

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (MPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.